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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Private Review Agents - Adverse Decisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of time during which a private review agent
4 is prohibited from rendering an adverse decision as to an admission of a patient
5 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to adverse decisions by
6 private review agents.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Insurance
9 Section 15-10B-06(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Insurance**

15 15-10B-06.

16 (d) A private review agent may not render an adverse decision as to an
17 admission of a patient during the first [24] 72 hours after admission when:

18 (1) the admission is based on a determination that the patient is in
19 imminent danger to self or others;

20 (2) the determination has been made by the patient's physician or
21 psychologist in conjunction with a member of the medical staff of the facility who has
22 privileges to make the admission; and

23 (3) the hospital immediately notifies the private review agent of:

24 (i) the admission of the patient; and

25 (ii) the reasons for the admission.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2002.